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News-Item 'Delhi Police Heroes turn villains again'

*219. SHRI VEDPRAKASH P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to a news-item captioned 'Delhi Police Heroes turn villains again' which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 20th June, 1997; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI INDRAJIT GUPTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two constables of Delhi are reported to have intercepted a scooter on which two persons were riding after allegedly having received information that the scooter was being used for smuggling purposes. This led to a heated argument with the scooterists and an unruly scene in which two vehicles were burnt. A criminal case was registered against the two constables on the basis of the complaint made by one of the scooterists, Separately, both the constables were dismissed from service in light of their misdemeanour.

Resentment Amongst the Scientists of DGQA

*220. SHRI RAJNATH SINGH 'SURYA': Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of resentment amongst the scientists of the Directorate General of Quality Assurance due to alleged domination of Army officials;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have initiated any steps to take care of grievances of the scientists at DGQA;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (e) Officers of the Directorate General of Quality Assurance (DGQA) are drawn from the Civilian cadre of Defence Quality Assurance Service (DQAS) and from the cadre of Defence Forces. Each cadre is governed by Rules and Regulations applicable to it.

Members of DQAS have represented that they are accorded less opportunity to hold independent charge relative to Defence Service Officers.

Government assigns responsibilities keeping in view requirements, exigencies and career prospects of each cadre.